

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

CENTRAL MAGNET SCHOOL STUDENT CLAUDIA SMITH

NATIONAL FINALIST FOR THE WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN TROPHY

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners recognized Central Magnet School student Claudia Smith on April 17, 2014 for winning the Individual Cross Country Class AAA State Championship and since that time, Claudia was 1 of 12 national finalists in the High School Heisman Trophy selection held in New York City on December 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, administrators, teachers and coaches from across the nation submitted 30,000 candidates for consideration to receive the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy with the criteria being high scholastic achievement, athletic success and community service and from that number, 6 female and 6 male students were selected as national finalists, with one of them being Claudia; and

WHEREAS, ESPN spent a couple of days with Claudia and her family and at Central Magnet School filming for the televised ceremony from the Downtown Club in New York and Wendy's awarded the 12 finalists and their families a trip to New York City culminating with the High School Heisman Trophy award ceremony and the NCAA Heisman Trophy award ceremony where Claudia was runner up; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a star athlete, Claudia has maintained a 4.0 GPA and made a 34 on her ACT; and

WHEREAS, we express our sincere congratulations to Claudia's parents, Colleen and Roger Smith, for without their encouragement, none of this would have

been possible, and also congratulations go to her teachers, coaches and to Central Magnet's Principal Dr. John Ash; and

WHEREAS, we commend Claudia for her dedication to not only being a successful athlete, but for her high scholastic achievement and community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners that we extend this Resolution of Recognition to Central Magnet School student Claudia Smith for her many achievements, including being a runner up of the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy.

RESOLVED this 15th day of January 2015.

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